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## A POSSE rides into Fallon

**"Say Uncle!"**



AZ3 Tadd Worple demonstrates the "Guard position" over AE2 Ron Clark to show control of an opponent while grappling on the ground during the recent introduction of the POSSE self defense class. POSSE is a new style of self defense created here at NAS Fallon for law enforcement. (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter)

*Article and Photo Story by  
JO2 Eric D. Ritter,  
Desert Roundup Editor*

Security is near the top everyone's minds these days. The events of Sept 11 changed many ideas we, as a world, believe what a proper defense is.

On base, here, defense has taken a more personal slant. A new form of self defense has been created for base security as well as local and state law enforcement agencies.

POSSE (Police Officer Situational Survival Enhancement) has been developed on base by combining several other forms of self defense into this class.

"One of the areas where we are looking to take this training is to airport security for commercial airplanes," said POSSE instructor MA1 Kandi Dietrich. "In our class, one of the things that is being taught is how to defend yourself in very small areas--small and cramped areas like on an airplane."

Students are taught a variety of control holds as well as bucking and flipping opponents to dominate the situation.

Dietrich said that since it's such a new class, few offi-

ers on base or around the state have ever seen anything like it.

She said that the class could have a good future as a certified class for many law enforcement officers.

"If it proves to be successful, we're going to see about getting it a requirement for base security members as well as many of the state's agencies, so they can get credit, officially, for the class," she said. "Right now we have a lot of guys who are called-up reservists who actually are law enforcement members for the state away from the Navy. They'll be able to take that credit back with them to their civilian job."

Dietrich said that in the past, for base security to get training, they had to invite experts in from around the state. Now, she said, it may turn the other way around.

She said she is really excited about the uniqueness of the program.

"This is one of the best courses I've ever seen for law enforcement. Most officers have never seen anything like this type of course...it will be interesting to see how this class will evolve from here."

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## AIMU: Gets it right the first time every time

*By JO1 Patrick Lane*

When a Carrier Air Wing (CAG) takes to the skies here, time is of the essence. Numerous training evolutions must be accomplished in a specific amount of time and the schedule is unforgiving. If the CAG experiences maintenance problems with their aircraft while they're here, it can be costly in more ways than just time and money; it can impact the efficiency and qualifications of a squadron possibly heading into combat.

According to CDR Bob Boserman, Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Aircraft Intermediate Maintenance Unit (AIMU) here, downtime for maintenance is simply, "not acceptable." Boserman, of Elkins, West Virginia, explains, "They may be competing with other CAGs or other training events for range time and one or two aircraft can really make a difference." The success of a CAG's training time here depends on the difference the men and women at AIMU make in keeping those aircraft up and running.

AIMU is responsible for a full range of maintenance for not only the tenant aircraft here, but also over 800 aircraft of 18 different types from 12 visiting Pacific and Atlantic Fleet Airwings as well as over 2,500 transient aircraft per year. This includes everything from servicing airframes and avionics to tracking production and material control. In a typical year, AIMU will execute over 50,000 maintenance actions, taking in over 7,300 different parts for repair.

"Our primary goal is customer service," said AO1 Andres Vazquez, Command Career Counselor for the unit. "We believe more in quality instead of quantity," he added. Although billed as the 'Biggest Little AIMU in the World,' the word "little" doesn't come to mind when you take a close look at AIMU Fallon. "It surprises a lot of people," said Vazquez. "Especially the CAGs. They are surprised with our capabilities."

Indeed, the impression held by many is that size really

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# Chaplain's Corner

The equipment is checked and rechecked for proper assembly and mainte-

Creating that atmosphere in the workcenter has a lot to do with keeping a “big picture” view on the job. “I try to give these guys some kind of perspective on how important their job is,” said Boserman. He explains that the job can have a mundane aspect if you don’t view the big picture. He emphasizes the fact that, “This is the only place on the planet that tactical naval aviators get combat training prior to going on deployment. They don’t get this training anywhere else. Right here is where it happens. This is their only chance to become proficient before going into combat.”



# Chapel Call

Sunday: 11 a.m. Worship Service  
Communion Sunday is the first Sunday of each month.

Sunday: 9:30a.m./6p.m.  
Mass  
For other Catholic services available in town, please call St. Patrick's at 423-2846

A “No” answer to any of the “gates of gold” means hold your tongue. Keep quiet. A “Yes” answer to all three may allow you to speak, but only if you can answer “Yes” with honesty and personal integrity. Remember, the reputation involved may be yours. Lord God, let me speak about people the way

Capt. Brad T. Goetsch, Commanding Officer  
Cmdr. Ed Rybold, Executive Officer  
Zip Upham, Public Affairs Officer  
JO2 Eric Ritter, Editor  
JO3 Denise Morris, Staff Writer



The "Come-along" is used to control an opponents move-ments



Students are taught how to safely fall if they were attacked

# POSSE

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--MA1 Kandi Dietrich, POSSE instructor



Students learned the "shrimp method" to help escape situations while on the ground



A headlock escape is used by flipping an opponent backward



"Guard position" is used on an opponent on the ground to maintain control of movement



A headlock escape is performed by using forward momentum to push through the attackers lock

## SECURITY NOTE

The posted speed limit in NAS Fallon Housing areas is 20 mph. Personnel ob-

served exceeding 20 mph in any housing area will receive a traffic citation. Adjust your speed limit according to weather, road conditions, and the presence of pedestrians.

At no time should personnel exceed 20 mph while in housing.

Please observe the posted speed limits in all areas of the base and base housing.

# NPMOD; Manning the Weather Front

By: JO1 Parick Lane

With an average of 300 clear days a year, Fallon Nevada is a place where taking the weather for granted is easily done. From there it's a quick step to thinking our Aerographer's Mates working at the Naval Pacific Meteorology and Oceanography Detachment (NPMOD) don't have much to do on a daily basis. That is, unless you pilot a super sonic aircraft and depend on the services NPMOD provides to accomplish your mission, and safeguard your very life.

NPMOD provides a full spectrum of meteorological products, forecasts and services, including tactical forecasts in support of Naval Air Station Fallon, NSAWC, the U.S. Marine Corps' Bridgeport Mountain Warfare Training Center and all transient aircraft. Whether you're planning a bombing run in an F/18

or planning a picnic at the lake, NPMOD can tell you what kind of day you're going to have with a fairly high degree of accuracy.

"It is a science, but it is not an exact science," said AG1 Robert Japp, a forecaster at NMPOD. "There are way too many variables within the atmosphere to have a 100 percent accuracy rate, but we get pretty close," he added.

Although NPMOD provides all of these vital services locally, it is but a single point in a nationwide network, working in concert to provide pilots meteorological information spanning the country. Equipped with state-of-the-art technology, the men and women of NPMOD are professionals whose training transcends civilian and military barriers in the field. Indeed, the forecasts you watch on the local news channels is, in part, compiled from information provided by weather stations such as NPMOD, Fallon.

According to Japp, today's modern technology allows a forecaster in a remote location such as Fallon to provide top notch meteorological information to pilots in the area. "The internet, now, much more than ever before, is an integral part of our job," he said. Using data gathered from stations all across the coun-

try, NMPOD can tell a pilot "... exactly what the weather is from here to Pensacola, Florida and using their forecasts, be able to project what the weather will be like by the time he gets there," said Japp.

Planning a smooth ride from coast to coast is important to a pilot, but not nearly as important as knowing exactly how high, or low, he is flying. Arguably one of the most important technical services NMPOD provides is the information needed to accurately set the altimeter in an aircraft. "We take a calculation of the barometric pressure for the height we are at, and come up with an altimeter setting for the aircraft to input into their equipment," said Japp, adding, "they rely on our altimeter settings here to let them know how high they're flying." It's not hard to see how important this is, especially when pilots here are launching from a runway that sits close to 4,000 feet above sea level to begin with.

Other information gathered at NMPOD can also be vital to a pilot and his mission. Under certain conditions an aircraft will leave contrails; lines of condensation across the sky that can point an enemy right to his

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## News and Notes

**March 7**  
Official Grand Opening  
Mean Gene's Burgers  
Located in Planet X  
at 5pm  
Appearing LIVE..."Mean Gene" Okerlund burger eating contest at 6pm...\$200 Cash Prize!!! Autographs, Great Food, Give Aways, Music and more!

**March 9**  
Jst REC-it presents...  
Overnight at Harrah's in Reno departing 2pm on Sat. and returning late afternoon on Sunday Cost: \$27.50 per person for the room including two show tickets \$5 for transportation!! Call 426-2836 NOW, space is limited.

**March 12**  
Jst REC-it Rock n' Bowl, 8pm till 11pm Pizza and extreme bowling for \$1. All geo-bachelors and single military welcome!

**March 14**  
St. Patrick's Corn Beef Sandwich Bar at the Silver State ALL HANDS!...11am - 1pm \$5.95 per person (does not include beverages)

**March 15**  
St. Paddy's Bash at the O'Club  
Introducing the band "Stagedoor Johnny" Food...7pm Band...8pm Green beer and guest bartenders! Be prepared...wear green!  
**St. Patrick's Dance Party at Planet X.** Strut your moves on the newly remodeled dance floor while enjoying the tremendous sounds played by our top DJ's. Green Beer and guest bartenders! Wear green if you know what's good for you!

**March 17**  
WWF Wrestlemania at the Planet X starts 5pm

*If you are looking for more information concerning our Single Military Program for NAS Fallon please stop by our office(between the library & the gym) or contact us at 426-2836.*

## Desert Moon Theater

Friday, March 1	
6:30pm	Orange County (PG13)
9pm	The Royal Tenebaums (R)
Saturday, March 2	
6:30pm	Kate & Leopold (PG13)
9pm	A Beautiful Mind (PG13)
Sunday, March 3	
2pm	Snow Dogs (PG)
5pm	Kung Pow (PG13)
7:30pm	Lord of the Rings (PG13)
Monday, March 4	
6:30pm	Lord of the Rings (PG13)
Tuesday, March 5	
6:30pm	A Beautiful Mind (PG13)
Wednesday, March 6	
11am	Orange County (PG13)
6:30pm	The Royal Tenenbaums (PG13)
Thursday, March 7	
6:30pm	Imposters (PG13)
Friday, March 8	
6:30pm	Snow Dogs (PG)
9pm	A Beautiful Mind (PG13)
Saturday, March 9	
6:30pm	The Royal Tenebaums (PG13)
9pm	Black Hawk Down (R)
Sunday, March 10	
2pm	Snow Dogs (G)
5pm	The Mothman Prophecies (PG13)
7:30pm	Brotherhood of the Wolf (PG13)



AG3 Rich Cappellino looks at the NEXRAD to the conditions at Fallon and surrounding areas. (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris)



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location. To avoid those conditions a pilot needs exact, current weather information. For this, the Aerographers need readings from thousands of feet up in the atmosphere and deploy balloons to gather that information. The flight of a single weather balloon will provide temperature, dew point and wind information for various altitudes. "From that data we can extrapolate a lot of different things like where we expect contrails to form," said Japp. He also explained that a wealth of information is gathered from this device that help forecast future weather conditions or determine current conditions such as turbulence. "From an upper sounding you can forecast just about every atmospheric weather aspect that

you can think of," said Japp.

With all their training and high tech equipment one can be sure that there isn't much on the weather front that is going to sneak up and surprise the folks at NMPOD. The Area of Responsibility they cover extends far beyond the horizon. In fact, NMPOD covers all of Nevada and much of the surrounding states to include Southern Oregon and Idaho, parts of Utah, a corner of Arizona and into the Southeastern portion of California. Though there's a better than average chance you are enjoying good weather here during your tour in Fallon, the Aerographers at NMPOD are tracking weather conditions over a million square miles and you can bet that wherever bad weather is happening, they know about it.

### More News and Notes

#### Softball season is here!

Attention all Softball players: **NAS Fallon Varsity Softball** – All active and reserve personnel interested in representing the base are encouraged to attend tryouts on March 4 at 5pm at field #3. If selected, you will participate in tournament play throughout the State of Nevada and ultimately seeking the opportunity to participate in the 2002 Armed Forces Military World Series. If you have any questions, contact MA1(SW) Arthur Mata at 426-2522

#### Attention Female Softball players!

To all female active duty, reserve and active duty dependent personnel: The base will be fielding a women's varsity softball team to represent the base competing in the City of Fallon Women's Softball League. For those interested, tryouts will be on Tuesdays from 5pm to 7pm at field #2 (behind the swimming pool). If you have any questions, contact AT1(AW) Charles Nunly at 426-3619

#### SEABEE BALL

Come out and help celebrate the 60th birthday of the Seabees Saturday, March 2 at Club Cal-Neva Hotel and Casino in Reno.

SuperSoundz DJ Jeff will provide the music. Cashew chicken and beef sirloin tips, caesar salad, asian noodle salad and antipasto salad. Tickets are on sale now! For more information and tickets, call 426-3308.

### Welcome aboard CINCLANT Fleet



*The Commander in Chief of the Atlantic Fleet, Adm. Robert J. Natter is greeted by NSAWC Commander Rear Adm. Richard J. Naughton at Hangar 7 recently. Natter visited NSAWC to familiarize himself with its facilities and mission for the Navy. (Photo by JO3 Luke Johnson, NSAWC Public Affairs)*



*In observance of Black History Month, the Fallon Youth Choir takes the stage to sing songs like "People Need the Lord, Love in any Language and Angles Amongst Us" in the base Chapel recently. (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris).*

# Security takes a test in sobriety



PN1 Marti Breedlove breathes deeply into a breathalyzer as class coordinator ASI Cindy Eckman monitors the machine (Photo by JO2 Eric D. Ritter)



PN1 Marti Breedlove attempts to walk a straight line after a few hours of consuming alcohol as security personnel take notes on her physical abilities (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris)

Security Department recently helped to coordinate a Standardized Field Sobriety Test class in the base's Multi purpose building. Volunteers were selected to consume certain amounts of alcohol so that base security personnel are able to recognize some of the effects alcohol has on people. The test is very useful for the personnel to use during traffic stops to determine if a motorist is intoxicated or not.

Not only were base security personnel involved in the class, but several law enforcement agencies from Fallon and the state attended.

Alcohol was provided to the volunteers at about noon, and they were given 1oz. shots of alcohol periodically for the next few hours. They were then given

breathalyzer tests over the next few hours. The results were written in a log next to their calculated formula for sex and weight for the affects of alcohol.

After a few hours of alcohol consumption by the volunteers, the security and law enforcement members got the opportunity to try the sobriety tests they had learned.

The volunteers performed tests such as walking straight lines and a series of eye reaction test as well as several others.

The volunteers all had escorts with them throughout the process. The escorts also drove the volunteers home at the end of the day.

The tests are conducted periodically, and volunteers are always needed.

## Activated Reservist, Guard Members reminded of benefits

Navy Wire Service--

Navy Officials want to remind Reservists and National Guard members who have been called to active duty that they are covered under the Soliders' and Sailors' Civil Relief Act (SSCRA). Some of the SSCRA's basic relief provisions are in the areas of lease termination, rent and eviction protection, life and medical insurance coverage, and Installment Contracts

and Mortgage Foreclosures.

In addition, active duty servicemembers who have incurred loans or debt prior to entering service will not be obligated to pay an interest rate in excess of 6 percent.

If you're on active duty and are paying more than a 6 percent interest rate on a debt you incurred prior to activation, you should notify lenders that you are on active duty.

### ATTENTION: ALL HOUSING OCCUPANTS

Contractual problems are requiring a temporary change in garbage pick-up days. The changes will be as follows:

\*Trash will not be picked up until Tuesday, March 5.

NOTE: Please do not leave your garbage cans at the curb all weekend long.

\*In the following weeks your trash days will be Tuesdays and Fridays.

NOTE: NAS Fallon has a great recycling program and we are asking for your assistance by improving your recycling habits.

Please make note of this change and Thank You for your patience as we work through these issues. We will let you know of any further changes and/or updates.

The Family Housing Management

# The Desert Classifieds

**Pets:**

• If you're looking for a new or lost pet, please check with the Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS). They have a number of animals available for adoption or sponsorship. Call 423-7500 for more information.

**Autos:**

- 1992 Chevy S10 P/U, low miles 45,000, 5SPD, 2.8L V6, new tires and sport rims, A/C, AM/FM Cassette, excellent condition \$4,000 OBO, 423-1306
- For Sale-1987 Ford F-150 4x4, extended cab. Good condition, runs well. \$3,000. Call Daryn. (775)530-7237 (w) 423-1895(h).
- 1997 Nissan Pathfinder LE, auto, loaded, leather. In excellent condition with 47,000 miles, retails at \$22,500, asking \$19,000. Call Nick (h) 867-3669 (w) 426-3259
- 1998 Kawasaki vulcan Classic 800 motorcycle, new batter, immaculate condition, 1,100 miles, \$5,000. Call Bob at 423-6377 (days) or 428-1855 (evenings); leave message at either number.
- For sale: blue, 1988 Ford F150; 1994-300 6-cylinder motor w/ 25,000 miles; many new parts; 1/2 ton; automatic transmission; many new parts to the motor; overall good condition. Call 428-1078 if interested.

1998 FORD F250 XLT 4WD super cab, short bed, V8, auto, tow pkg, extremely clean, 1-owner, non-smoker, oxford white, snugtop, new tires, premium wheels, 75K miles. \$17,995. Call Bobbie 426-4093 or 423-2989

**Misc.:**

- Dual Stroller for sale. Two-way stadium seating. All-terrain tandem stroller. Excellent Condition. Front seat reverses so tots can ride face-to-face. Rear seat fully reclines. Great for infants. Asking \$100. Call Laura at 423-9465.
- Bedroom for rent. Located near the library in Fallon. Asking \$400 a month. Price covers all expenses except food. Full access to kitchen

and bathroom. Call Dorthy at beeper # 426-6895.

•White Wicker Full size bed with mattresses, has headboard and foot board excellent condition asking \$250.00. Also, have the white wicker night stand to match also excellent condition asking \$25.00. Also for sale: Kenwood stereo system with cabinet, speakers, 2 sided tape deck, tuner, cd player (holds 5 CDs) and amplifier all are also in excellent condition. Now asking \$500.00. Please call 423-2624.

•Items for sale: baby clothes (0-4T, 5), toys, Bassett crib and misc. items. Also have wetsuit for sale. Cal 428-327 to see any items.

•1995 G.E., 21.7 cu. ft., side-by-side, frost-free refrigerator/freezer with ice maker. Asking \$650/OBO. Phone AECS Jim Williamson at 426-3485, during normal working hours or 423-8619, after normal working hours.

•Deluxe Stoller with car seat \$65. Call Mardie at 423-2246.

•Murray Go Cart: 2-seater with roll cage and seat belts. 5-HP engine, new condition. Loads of fun for the entire family. \$500. Call Bill Sizemore if interested 428-3202

•**Wanted** Quad reasonably priced, 423-7405

•Looking for a way to get your car to your new duty station? Call Ed Gieratz. I will drive your car to your new duty station and I'm willing to go anywhere in the country. If you have questions or are interested in this service, please call me at 423-7776 or e-mail me at: [safedriver59@yahoo.com](mailto:safedriver59@yahoo.com).

•Roommate wanted for 3 bdrm, 2 car garage. Next to Art Center in town. Asking \$400 a month. Call 426-2081 for more information.

•Looking for that one particular elusive item? Put your wanted ad in the Desert Roundup by calling 426-2880.

## CAPS Corner



**Tutti is a 4-year-old female. She is a beautiful long-hair tortoise shell. She would make a great addition to any family. Tutti is already spade and has her shots up-to-date.**

The Churchill Animal Protection Society (CAPS) is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10am to 3pm.

The volunteer society is dedicated to the temporary care and final placement of stray, abandoned or otherwise unwanted animals into loving homes.

For those choosing a pet from CAPS, discount certificates for spay and neutering services at local veterinarian clinics are available. Before you look elsewhere, give CAPS a try by visiting the facility at the corner of Wildes and Crook Roads, or call 423-7500.

A large portion of the animals currently at CAPS came from base housing and seem to be lost pets.

CAPS currently has many cats and dogs ready for immediate adoption. If you think you might be looking for a pet, choosing one from CAPS is an alternative that can give you a loving addition to your family and also address the pet over-population problem.

CAPS now has a website courtesy of AdvancedInternet: <http://www.aiinc.com/caps>.

All the animals available for adoption are on the website. Can't afford to adopt an animal? Go to our website, and find out about our Animal Sponsorship Program. Email CAPS at [caps@aiinc.com](mailto:caps@aiinc.com) or call 423-7500.



**March 1**

1942 - Naval air (VP-82) sinks first German submarine, U-656, of World War II.

1954 - 1st of 6 detonations, Operation Castle nuclear test.

**March 2**

1859 - Launch of *Saginaw* at Mare Island, first Navy ship built on West Coast of U.S.

1867 - Birthday of Civil Engineering Corps.

1899 - Act of Congress creates the rank Admiral of the Navy for George Dewey. 1973 - Women begin pilot training to U.S. Navy.

**March 3**

1776 - First amphibious landing operation. Continental naval squadron under Commodore Esek Hopkins lands Sailors and Marines, commanded by Captain Samuel Nicholas, on New Providence Island in the Bahamas, capturing urgently-needed ordnance and gunpowder.

1871 - Navy Medical Corps established 1883 - Congress authorizes 4 modern ships of steel, "A,B,C, D Ships"; three cruisers, *Atlanta*, *Boston* and *Chicago*, and dispatch boat *Dolphin*

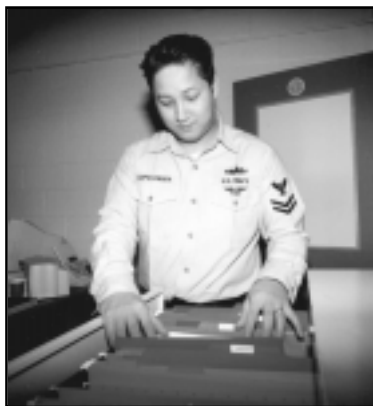
1915 - [Office of Chief of Naval Operations \(CNO\) established](#)

1915 - Congress creates Federal Naval Reserve. Under it Naval Reserve Force built up 1960 - USS *Sargo* return to Hawaii from arctic cruise of 11,000 miles, 6,003 miles under the polar ice

**March 4**

1911 - Appropriation of first funds for experiments in naval aviation.

### New face on base



OS2 (SW/AW) Nester T. Gapasangra, INDOC Coordinator, files folders for the INDOC course. He has been in the Navy for six years and just transferred from USS Boxer (LHD-4). This is his first shore duty, and he plans to take advantage of the education programs and possibly an Officer program. Right now he spends time with his fiancée, Grace, and his son, Erik. (Photo by JO3 Denise Morris)





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